

Board Minutes

Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

MEETING

Field Meeting- 1 pm,

Board Meeting Beginning at 6:30 p.m.,

1114 Shawan Road

Cockeysville, Maryland

Field Meeting

- *Call order: 1:00 pm*
- *Board member attendees: Steve Myer, John McGinnis, Gail Ensor*
- *Staff attendees: Kate Evans, Joseph Wiley, Wally Lippincott, Jr.*
- *Site Visit 2901 Hunter Mill Road*
- *Closed Meeting – 2:10 pm Easement Applicants Ranking*
- *Closed Closed Meeting – 4:30 pm*
- *Closed Regular Meeting – 5:25 pm*

Regular Meeting

- *Call to order: 6:48 pm*
- *Board member attendees: Steve Myer, John McGinnis, Gail Ensor, Scott Welsh*
- *Staff attendees: Kate Evans, Joseph Wiley, Wally Lippincott, Jr.*
- *Statement of purposes and operating procedures*
- *Closed Meeting – Easement Applicants Ranking*

Preliminary actions

1. Consideration of changes to today's Agenda

- *Chair calls on WL to inform the members of the Board of any changes to the Preliminary Agenda.*

2. Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Meeting and Closed Meeting Minutes of May 24 and June 4, 2018

- *Minutes not prepared to be voted on delayed until next meeting*

Items for Discussion & Vote

3.

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Easement Request (03-99-16)

Darlene T. Vansant – 2901 Hunter Mill Road. 77+/- acres

Request:

1. Request approval for a Creamery.

Chair calls upon Wally Lippincott to provide background information.

Stacey Vansant is requesting on behalf of the family Board review and recommendation of approval for a creamery to be in association with the dairy operation of the farm. MALPF permits a creamery subject to MALPF Board approval of the use as “Processed (value-added) farm and forest products. The use must meet the general conditions for commercial uses on MALPF easements and is subject to specific conditions. The review is provided separately.



All requested uses must satisfy the following general conditions:

- a. The proposed use is a farm or forest related use.

- b. Whether the proposed use or activity “conflicts with the overall purpose of the easement to preserve the farm for agricultural and as open-space land.”
- c. Whether the use has an historical relationship to farming.

Specific conditions: Some of the products must come from animals raised or crops grown on site.....remainder from animals raised or grown in Maryland or the Region.

Site visit: Board visited property and met with Stacey Vansant who will be running the farm operation. The farm is owned by her mother. Board observed the dairy facilities and the cattle (mostly Jerseys with a few Holsteins). She has about 40 head but is only milking 3 currently. Plans to produce yogurt, keifer, snack packs of yogurt, chocolate milk and drinkable yogurt. She is modeling after Clearspring Dairy in Washington Co. She plans to sell offsite to farm stores, stores in Baltimore and farm markets. Is not planning any retail sales on site. She is also not planning on bringing in any other milk at this time. She will be selling only what she grows.

Recommendation: Vote to recommend the approval of agricultural-related, commercial activities.
Motion: So moved by Steve Myer

Second: John Merryman

Decision – Unanimous

MALPF Easement Application Ranking – Closed Session

4. Review of the ranking of the MALPF FY19 Easement Cycle Applications and recommendation of farms for consideration.

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Second: John Merryman
Decision – Unanimous Meeting closed at 2:10pm

Motion: To adjourn closed Meeting by Steve Myer
Second: John Merryman
Decision – Unanimous Meeting closed at 4:30 pm

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Second: John Merryman
Decision: Unanimous Meeting closed at 4:35 pm

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Decision – Unanimous Meeting closed at 6:48 pm

Motion: To adjourn the closed meeting – Steve Myer at 8:35 pm
Second: John Merryman
Vote- Unanimous Close the Closed meeting

Motion: To Adjourn– Steve Myer at 8:40 pm
Second: John Merryman
Vote- Unanimous